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About four weeks after sending out this notice or two weeks after the subscription has expired another notice is sent something like the following:

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We then wait two weeks more for an answer and if no attention is paid to the second notice, a third one is sent as follows:

"Your subscription to the BRETHREN EVANGELIST expired with number——or about four weeks ago. This is the third notice of expiration, and there is now due 12 cents, and each additional pa-

per received adds three cents to the amount. Unless we hear from you within two weeks your name will be taken off the mailing list and placed on the delinquent list. We trust however that you will renew at once. If you do not have the money at hand, state on postal card whether the paper is to be continued or not."

Is there anything unreasonable in these notices? Are they not fair? If a man ignores three successive notices of the expiration of his paper, is it unreasonable that his name should be dropped from the list, especially so when the money for the subscription is not asked for? Recently a brother stopped his paper because he received this third notice, giving as reasons that we are over anxious to have the cash in advance, and "dunning" a man for twelve cents. We should like to hear from the readers of the EVANGELIST in reference to this matter. Is there anything unfair or unreasonable in this method of soliciting renewals?

## Personal Mention

Our readers will be glad to hear once more from Brother Hixson of the Kanemorado District.

Brother Marcus Witter preached at West Independence, Ohio, last Sabbath morning and evening.

Since his last report to the EVANGELIST Brother Darling writes that they have had three accessions to the church by baptism.

Brother J. C. Mackey reports two accessions to the Bear Creek congregation and the church enjoying both peace and prosperity.

Brother Koontz recently assisted Brother Bowman in a series of revival services in the Vinco congregation, closing with a communion. Three were added to the church.

Brother Spanogle in a brief item tells the people of Pennsylvania how to reach the Brethren church in Altoona when they come to that place to attend Conference the first week in October.

Brethren B. H. Flora and I. D. Bowman went to Cerro Gordo, Ill., from National Conference to conduct a series of meetings. Thus far we have not learned the results of the meeting.

Next quarter's lessons begin with the life of Joseph. Under the Home department of this issue of the paper will be found an article, a biographical sketch of Joseph by D. C. Moomaw.

Next week the reader will be treated to an appeal for the Chicago church building by brother J. C. Cassel. Please note what he says in his report of the cash received at National Conference.

The people of Indiana will be interested in the announcement by B. H. Flora, touching the Conference to be held at Nappanee, October 8. Following his instructions may prove a great convenience.

Brother L. S. Bauman, Philadelphia, Pa., has changed his address from 2424 North 10th Street, to 2121 North Carnac Street. Those who have occasion to correspond with him will please make a note of this change.

Brother H. M. Oberholtzer has charge of a mission in Mansfield, Ohio, where he preaches every two weeks. Last Sabbath an all day meeting was held with the members of the mission, closing with communion services in the evening. Some twelve or fifteen of the College students spent the day with the mission. Brother J. A. Miller who was to preach in the afternoon did not reach the place in time his train having been more than an hour late. Brother Eikenberry preached in his stead. A pleasant and profitable day is reported.

The Brethren at Waterloo, Iowa, expect a good attendance at the coming Illiokota Conference to be held the first week in October. Brother Gillin gives instruction as to how to reach the church. Let those concerned please take notice.

Brother C. F. Yoder begins his eighth year's work at Warsaw this fall. During the seven years that he has served this church an average of forty have been added each year, notwithstanding the fact that much of the time he was away at school. As a rule a faithful past or means a faithful people.

In this issue of the paper will be found a minute of the meeting of the Foreign Missionary Society of the Brethren church held at Winona Lake during the time of our Conference. Brother Tailey, the secretary, makes the report. In a future number of the EVANGELIST the work of this society will be given special editorial notice.

Special attention is called to the announcement by Brother Furry under our young people's department. Let societies report to him at once as to the number of folders containing Brother Yoder's notes desired each week. Attention should also be given at once to the payment of that Ashland College painting fund.

The Brethren churches of Indiana should give heed to the several announcements in this issue by the secretary of the State Conference, Brother W. H. Miller. He is working hard to make this the best conference they have ever held in the state and if his co-laborers will stand by him and properly support him such it will be.

Immediately after National Conference brother C. F. Yoder went to Waterloo, Iowa, and preached ten days at the Enon church, one of Brother Gillin's appointments. The result of the meeting as reported by Brother Yoder is four accessions, three by baptism and one by relation. He reports the church in splendid working order and a large field for the Brethren church.

The special attention of all the churches of Ohio is called to the announcement in this issue by Bro. Worst, treasurer of the Ohio Mission Board. Let us set to work at once to replenish the treasury of the Board. The money is needed to support our missions, and there is no reason why there should be any lack of funds to carry on our work. Let every church in the State of Ohio take a special collection at the very earliest date possible and send the money to E. J. Worst, Ashland, Ohio. The Mission Board is not asking for much, but what we need we need badly and it is to be hoped that every church in the State will help in the support of our work.

The Brethren church of Johnstown, Pa., has organized a Mutual Benefit Association. We are indebted to brother S. A. Snook for a copy of the "Constitution and By Laws of the Mutual Benefit Association of the Brethren Church, Johnstown, Pa." The object of the association as set forth in Article 2 of the Constitution is as follows: "The object of this association shall be the accumulation of a fund by weekly contributions from its membership, to be used in alleviating the burdens and expenses incident to accident, sickness and death of its members." We have always maintained that such organizations in the church would leave no excuse for church members joining secret societies.

Brother Ole A. Swadburg, formerly a student at Ashland College, has recently opened a mission among his own people at Glen Mary, Canada. The outlook as reported by him is certainly encouraging. A few Sabbaths ago in response to an invitation twelve came forward and confessed Christ. Previous to this others had expressed a desire to unite with the people of our choice, and